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Tickets:

- Purchase online at GCVirginia.org/historic-garden-week
- Advance Ticket Sales: \$50 online
- Day of Ticket Sales: \$60 online or at Tour Headquarters
- Children's Tickets: \$15 online only. Strollers are not permitted.
- No tickets sold at homes.



Lunch & Refreshments:

- \$23 each by prepaid order. Served at the Tour Headquarters café from 11:30am to 2pm. Menu options, order, and pay by 4/13 to andrea@a-hickman.com
- A small number of additional gourmet box lunches will be available on-site for purchase first-come, first served.
- Complimentary refreshments served at Tour Headquarters from 10am to 2pm

Facilities: Tour Headquarters

Parking: Street parking, look for signs

Additional Information:

- This is a driving tour.
- No interior photography is permitted.
- Homes are not handicapped accessible.
- Flat shoes are suggested for uneven terrain.

Headquarters: Historic Vale Church, 11528 Vale Road, Oakton

Vale United Methodist Church was built in 1896 with donated land and materials as a one-room church. The original sanctuary still stands today, largely unchanged, showcasing the craftsmanship of its early members.

Activities:

- Tour the historic sanctuary and see beautiful flower displays
- Peruse the Garden Club of Fairfax history as we celebrate our Centennial
- Various demonstrations throughout the day
- Get a free sapling while supplies last from Bartlett Tree Experts
- Enjoy free refreshments
- Pick up your boxed lunch and enjoy it at our GCF Cafe

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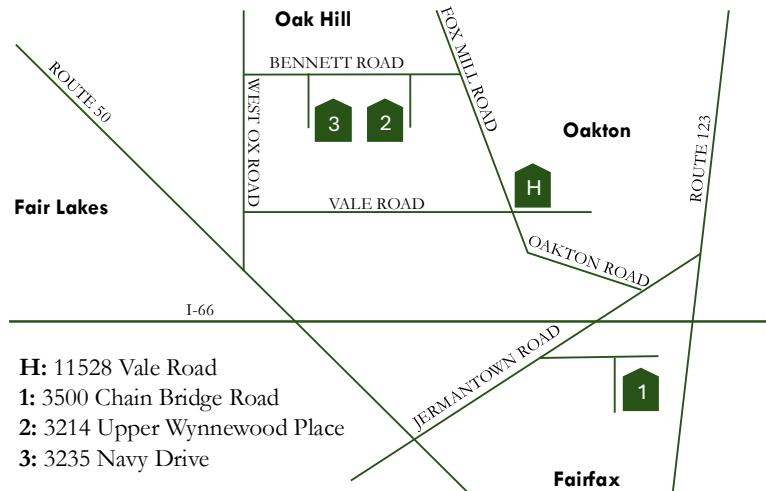
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Historic Garden Week

FAIRFAX COUNTY

Tuesday, April 21, 2026
10am to 4pm

Hosted by:

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Cobb-Williams House, 3500 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax The oldest home on the Fairfax tour and a rare gem in Fairfax County, the Cobb-Williams House was built in 1865 as a two-story frame farmhouse on 100 acres of orchards and a dairy farm. For over a century, generations of the Cobb family owned the property, eventually developing the surrounding land while preserving the original home and its mature walnut, beech trees, and old boxwood. The Williams family later purchased the property. Mrs. Carol Williams was a longtime member of the Garden Club of Fairfax. During her time as owner, she added many beautiful specimens to the flowing country-style gardens. A former WWII aircraft spotter's building, previously located in Vienna, now serves as the garden shed on the home's much-reduced one-acre parcel. In 2024, the current owners, respectful of its historic charm, have filled the house with European and American antiques mixed with modern pieces for comfort and functionality. Today, the native flowering plants stand as a testament to Carol Williams's green thumb and the lasting allure of this old Virginia farmhouse.

3214 Upper Wynnewood Place, Oak Hill Situated on nearly an acre of densely wooded land at the end of a cul-de-sac, this home was built in 1993 as a classic contemporary. Its soaring ceilings, large windows, and modern moldings create a seamless connection to nature from inside the home. In the early 2000s, the current homeowners cleared some trees to build multi-level decks, winding pathways, and arbors. They also added extensive Zen-style shade gardens with multiple ponds, waterfalls, and footbridges. Over the years, the lush landscape has been expanded to enhance seasonal interest. The home itself is equally distinctive and impressive. Upon entering the two-story foyer with a circular staircase, guests will notice an extensive collection of original art, including paintings and sculptures, displayed in the living and dining rooms flanking it. Each room has been remodeled and updated over the past four years, and the kitchen was expanded into a storage area, nearly doubling its original size. The homeowners enjoy collecting paintings, porcelain, and glass artworks, which are displayed throughout for everyday enjoyment.

3235 Navy Drive, Oak Hill This English Country-style custom home, built in 1997, is a lively, colorful family residence nestled on a half-acre of wooded hillside. It is set back from a quiet cul-de-sac

and borders undeveloped land owned by the Fairfax County Park Authority. The home was redesigned in the 2010s and further decorated during the pandemic. It's lively and welcoming with whimsical interiors suited to three daughters, their mother, and a vocal hound dog. From the wallpapered ceiling to the Chinese red lacquered Chippendale foyer table, the interiors blend traditional and contemporary styles with an edgy touch. A large Corbett Ambrosia chandelier with hundreds of silver- and gold-leafed medallions hangs in the teal-toned dining room. Pass through the teen girls' den on your way to the screened porch, which feels like a treehouse with views of the woodland landscape below. Brightly colored potted plants decorate the decks, stairs, steps leading down to the back gardens, the potting table that doubles as a party spot, and the fire pit area.

PLACES of INTEREST

Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Rd. This public garden and historic site includes Virginia's only Beatrix Farrand garden. In 1784, John Moss built a brick house on several hundred acres of farmland. In 1942, Michael and Belinda Straight purchased the home and 33 acres, engaging Farrand to design a garden room in the back: a spacious lawn enclosed by a boxwood crescent with a stone retaining wall. In 1970, the Straights deeded their house and 18 acres to the Fairfax County Park Authority. GCV restored the stone wall, rejuvenated the boxwoods, and redesigned a perennial bed to reflect Farrand's signature plant choices. fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring

Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, 9750 Meadowlark Gardens Ct., Vienna. Offers 95 acres, including walking trails. See the new spring 2026 Centennial Celebration Gift of a garden kaleidoscope by the Garden Club of Fairfax. No charge on April 21 with a tour ticket. novaparks.com/parks/meadowlark-botanical-gardens

Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Rd., Fairfax Station. A key stop on the historic Orange and Alexandria Railroad, built in 1852, it originally served local farms. This railroad became vital during the Civil War for moving troops and supplies. The station witnessed important events, including efforts by Civil War nurse Clara Barton. fairfax-station-railroad-museum.org

Ratcliffe-Allison-Pozer House and Kitty Pozer Gardens, 10386 Main St., Fairfax. Built in 1807 by cobbler Henry Logan on land once owned by city founder Richard Ratcliffe, it was expanded in 1824 by the Allison family. In the 20th century, social reformer Kate Waller Barrett and later her daughter, gardener, preservationist, and Garden Club of Fairfax member, Kitty Pozer, owned the home. She had her own column on gardening in the Washington Post and was the recipient of several Garden Club of Virginia horticulture awards. After she died in 1981, Fairfax City acquired the surrounding land, creating the Kitty Pozer Garden and eventually Old Town Square—a central community space with gardens, water features, and gathering areas that honor her legacy. fairfaxva.gov/Fun-Facilities/Cultural-Arts-and-History/Ratcliffe-Allison-Pozer-House

The Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton.

Once a self-sustaining prison complex founded in 1910, the center stands on historic ground where inmates built their own facilities—brick by brick. The Workhouse also played a significant role in the history of women's suffrage. In 1917, suffragist Lucy Burns and 72 others were jailed here for peacefully protesting. Their harsh treatment and hunger strikes helped shift national opinion, paving the way for the 19th Amendment, granting women—though not all women—the right to vote in 1920. Today, the site is a vibrant arts center, featuring galleries and a museum that preserve this rich and complex legacy. workhousearts.org

Turning Point Suffragist Memorial, Occoquan Regional Park, 9761 Ox Rd., Lorton. Located in Occoquan Regional Park, the c. 2021 Turning Point Suffragist Memorial stands on the historic grounds of the former Occoquan Workhouse. suffragistmemorial.org

Gunston Hall, 10709 Gunston Hall Rd., Lorton. This 550-acre National Historic Landmark was the home of George Mason (1725-1792), author of The Virginia Declaration of Rights. While it is not currently a restoration project of the Garden Club of Virginia, the GCV helped Gunston Hall with landscaping from 1949 to 53. gunstonhall.org